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Docket Number: INFORMATION DISCLOSURE 10191/3939 **STATEMENT** Application Number Filing Date Examiner Art Unit To be assigned To be assigned Herewith To be assigned Invention Title Inventor(s) A LAYER SYSTEM COMPRISING A SILICON URBAN, Andrea et al. LAYER AND A PASSIVATING LAYER, A METHOD FOR PRODUCING A PASSIVATING LAYER ON A SILICON LAYER AND THEIR USE

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